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1. What appeared to be the largest maneuvers held in Austria since the end of the war took place early in October in the Doellersheim area; a minimum of six Russian divisions from Austria and Hungary participated. ~~Comment:~~ 25X1A6a Gendarmerie officials at Zwettl (O 49/R 42) and Weitra (O 49/R 23) estimated troop strength at 110,000 to 120,000, but this may be somewhat exaggerated.]
2. The maneuvers extended beyond the Doellersheim training grounds as far as the Danube. Infantry, artillery, tank, and motorized units, as well as at least four hundred aircraft, participated in the mock battle: one Soviet force opposed a group referred to by officers as "the Americans." Colonel, General Kurasov, commanding general of the Central Group of forces, personally observed the maneuvers from a platform with members of his staff.
3. Troops which were observed advancing south-southwest in the Allentsteig-Schwarzenau area included the following:

a.

Group Red(1) AA Units

4.7 cm AA guns with armor shield.

 Vehicle markings: R 3-32-xx
 R 3-33-xx

A major general of the Judge Advocate General department, with insignia on shoulder, was observed riding in a car with license R 3-37-94.

(2) Artillery

Calibers 7.62 to 17.2 cm.

Vehicle markings of Guards Artillery Units:

 R 3-76-xx
 R 3-77-xx

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A major general, Hero of Soviet Union, with many scars on his face was seen riding in car E 3-77-91.

(3) Other artillery units with vehicle markings:

E 1-80-xx
E 1-81-xx
E 1-82-xx
E 1-83-xx

(4) Half Tracks

Trucks and cars bearing vehicle numbers:

E 1-84-xx	E 1-87-xx
E 1-85-xx	E 1-88-xx
E 1-86-xx	E 1-89-xx

(5) Armored Units

Two heavy armored units, with 40 - 45 Stalin tanks, both old and new models. One repair truck with vehicle marking E 2-50-14 attached to heavy Stalin unit.

Sixty assault guns, calibers up to 17.2 cm.

Other units of light and medium armor (approximately 70 T-34's), old and new models, were observed.

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([REDACTED] Comment: The old model T-34 is described as being without a command turret, and having one welded turret with a 7.62 cm gun.

The new model T-34 is said to have one command turret and one cast gun turret with an 8.5 cm gun.)

All tanks were marked with the letter "K"

Field kitchens, trucks, and cars were marked with the number B 50-20-.

A major general in this unit was seen in car No. B 88-4-3.

(6) Self-Propelled Artillery

Twenty-one self-propelled guns, caliber 7.62 cm, in a column.

Trucks and cars of this unit were marked E 1-83-xx and B 1-88-xx.

Almost all materiel was of American make.

(7) Other Observations

The following are identification numbers of trucks and cars which were observed participating in the maneuvers, but whose units could not be identified:

E 1-89-xx	E 1-91-xx	E 1-95-xx	E 1-99-xx
E 1-90-xx	E 1-92-xx	E 1-96-xx	

Note: The drivers of these units wore a Guards badge.

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b.

Group Blue(1) Anti-Tank and Artillery Units

Vehicle markings

- E 2-24-xx
- E 2-26-xx
- E 2-29-xx
- E 2-44-xx
- E 2-45-xx

(2) Rifle Unit

Truck and car numbers:

- E 4-70-xx
- E 4-71-xx
- E 4-73-xx
- E 4-74-xx



Half Tracks:

- E 4-51-xx
- E 4-52-xx
- E 4-53-xx
- E 4-54-xx
- E 4-56-xx
- E 4-59-xx

Groups marked E 4-52-xx and E 4-59-xx were amphibious.

(3) AA Unit

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One AA unit had the marking .  Comment: This unit had previously been reported in Mattersburg (P 48/x 44) and the Burgenland area.]

(4) Members of the Combat Staff and Umpire Staff

- E 0-33-95 Major General of the Air Force (Umpire)
- E 0-02-22 Major General of Artillery
- E 0-00-45 Colonel General Kuratov
- E 0-00-31 Colonel General with rank of General
- E 0-00-26 Major General
- E 2-00-26 Lieutenant General
- E 39895 Lieutenant General and Major General (thought to be MVD).

(5) Air Units

Approximately 400 planes took part in the air maneuvers in the Zwettl area. These were single and four engine pursuit and fighter planes from the Aspern field (P 49/x 49), Wiener-Neustadt (O 48/x 34), and Bruck a/d Leitha (P 49/x 77).

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